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TOPIC Alt Loennowitz Airfield

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1. The following air activity was observed at Alt Loennowitz airfield between 9 and 21 June 1952:

9 June. Between 8:30 and 10:30 a.m., local flying was practiced by single-engine, low-wing monoplanes. Eighteen individual planes were counted crossing the field. About 1 p.m. within 8 minutes, 12 aircraft took off from the field in units of two planes in echelon to the right. The aircraft assembled in one formation in the air. During formation flying, the six alert planes were still parked at their dispersal area.

10 June. Between 12:30 and 1 p.m., no flying was observed. When approaching the field, [REDACTED] work was being done on aircraft parked in three open hangars.

11 June. No air activity was observed. It rained slightly.

12 June. Between 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., 16 MiG-15s individually crossed the field. A U-2 [REDACTED] was observed flying over the field at about 2:30 p.m.

13 June. MiG-15s practiced take-offs and landings between 7 a.m. and about 7 p.m. Individual take-offs were made at intervals of 3 or 4 minutes.

14 June. No flying activity was observed. Ten MiG-15s, which were covered with camouflage nets, were parked at large intervals in the eastern section of the field. Two sentries continuously patrolled the dispersal area of these planes. At the same time, the six alert planes still were parked at their previous parking site.

15 June. There was no flying.

16 June. Between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m., 41 MiG-15s crossed the field. From the noise of engines [REDACTED] some of the planes flew above the clouds.

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17 June. Take-offs and landings were practiced between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m. A twin-engine plane towed a sleeve target at which two MiG-15s fired with live ammunition. One of the planes was given protection by the other one.

18 June. Taking off, landing and firing practices started at 7 a.m. For firing practices the aircraft flew in elements of two to the training field toward Belgern. When returning from there, the planes simulated low level attacks on villages.

19 June. Individual local flights were made by MiG-15s which had their landing gears retracted. At the same time, formation flying was practiced by formations of 4, 6 and 8 planes. A high-wing monoplane [] left the field about 9:30 a.m. and returned about 10:30 a.m. A twin-engine plane with double rudder assembly took off about 10:30 a.m.

21 June. Flying was observed from 8 a.m. MiG-15s flew in elements of two to the Belgern training field. [] the jet fighters practiced flying near Strehla.*

2. The take-off and landing practices were probably performed by young student pilots. The aircraft flew rather small circles with their landing gears extended. Other crews at the field practiced formation flying and firing, while the landing gears of the planes were retracted.

3. On 10 June, 14 soldiers were digging positions at the field, about 120 meters north of Alt Loennewitz. On 14 June, [] the positions, which were well camouflaged from aerial observation, extended along the southern field border north of Alt Loennewitz as far as to the railroad line leading to Falkenberg. Positions were also observed on the western and northern field boundaries. In the evening, [] the emplacements near Alt Loennewitz were occupied by 50 to 60 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets.

4. Security measures at the field were increased. Sentries patrolled the area surrounding the field for two km. All persons who approached this area had to present their identity cards. Recently, vehicles have been controlled there. Neither vehicle drivers nor cyclists were allowed to stop on the road along the southern field border.

5. On 11 June, truck [] loaded with coal and bags and occupied by an officer and 4 soldiers went toward Belgern. The same vehicle, loaded with timber and lime, was repeatedly observed moving toward Belgern on 16 June. [] the material is shipped to Osterwitz near Belgern, in the vicinity of which preliminary work is in progress for a bridge over the Elbe River. **

* [] Comment. This is the first information that a firing range for Koethen airfield is located near Strehla. Each airfield of the Soviet Zone of Germany occupied by a fighter regiment is assigned a firing range which is located nearby. Attempts have been initiated to obtain a sketch on the pin-point location of Strehla firing range.

** [] Comment. Shipments of construction material, including pine trunks, toward Belgern were previously reported. [] The assumption [] that the construction material is being shipped to Osterwitz has not been confirmed.

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